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### DAIRY AND POULTRY

Butter - With demands at high levels, markets continued intensely firm, with the supply situation even more critical. Production and receipts held at record lows.

Eggs - Good demand for storage packed eggs gave the market a steady tone. The general opinion is that prices will continue at or near the ceiling during the storage season.

Poultry - A sharp decline in receipts of live Leghorn broilers, fryers, and roasters resulted in a much firmer market on these classes with prices advancing 1¢ to 2¢ on all sizes. For dressed poultry, demand was strong with prices on an upward trend for lighter supplies.

### MEAT

Beef - On a firm market, demand was heavy this week and exceeded local supplies from daily offerings from meat coolers. Cow meat was in heavier supply than was steer and heifer meat.

Lamb - At the beginning of the week the supply and demand for lamb was light, with quality in a narrow range of Good and Choice.

Pork - Pork supplies continued fairly plentiful on a steady market.

### FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

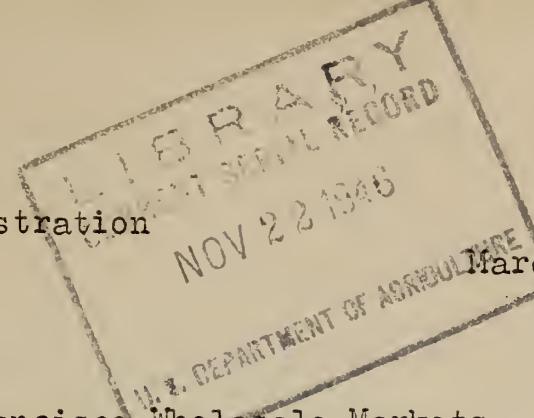
Best fruit buys for this week are oranges, grapefruit and avocados. Lemons, in moderate supply, are selling at ceiling, except for smaller sizes. Pears are in light supply, selling just below ceiling. Tangerines are scarce at below ceiling, while bananas are selling at ceiling.

Cauliflower in heavy supply, spinach in fairly heavy supply, and potatoes are the week's best fresh vegetable buys. Asparagus continues to arrive in light supply and is still high. Moderate supplies of celery and lettuce are selling at around ceiling. Tomatoes, down a little, in heavier supply and moderately good quality, are a fair buy.



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### DAIRY AND POULTRY

Butter - Fluid milk production is increasing and some of the supply is being turned into manufactured products, but the most of it is being absorbed by the large demand for fluid milk and cream. Therefore, butter remains in short supply, with no immediate relief in sight.

Eggs - Eggs from all producing areas are coming to market in greater quantities, but are being consumed as fast as they arrive, either by civilians, the Army or Navy, with excess going into storage. Demand for all grades has been good with no change in prices: Grade A Large  $40\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$ , Mediums  $37\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$ , Small  $33\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$ .

Poultry - Heavy-weight hens ( $3\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. or over) are plentiful and under a price support program to aid producers to market their poultry during the present feed emergency. Also plentiful are old Grade A hen turkeys at 33 to  $33\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$  per lb. and Grade B toms at 28 to  $29\text{¢}$ . Housewives can help in the nation's food conservation program by canning or freezing heavy-weight fowl. Broilers, fryers, and roasters are light in supply.

### MEAT

Beef - Supplies of steer beef have been less this week, with local slaughterers finding it difficult to meet demands. Only moderate amount of Choice grade available; bulk consisted of Good grade.

Lamb - Supplies are heavier with Commercial to Good grade more plentiful. First spring lambs reached market, too. Look for more lambs on market earlier this year as result of short feed supplies on California ranges.

Pork - With the supply slightly less, volume of pork cuts continues fairly abundant. Demand tapered off some.

### FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Avocados and grapefruit top the list of good fruit buys, with supplies moderate. Oranges and lemons continue in moderate supply selling at ceiling, except for small sizes. Apples are scarce and pears are in light supply.

Potatoes remain a good buy, a little higher priced, while artichokes are lower and more plentiful. Broccoli is a fair buy. There's plenty of good celery but it's somewhat costly. Peas are cheaper and more abundant. Tomatoes and onions are scarce.

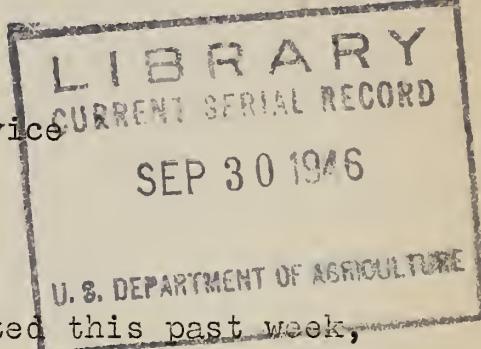


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### DAIRY AND POULTRY

Butter - Reserve supplies of butter were practically depleted this past week, while production was at a 25-year low point. Production increase is slow because of large consumer use of fluid milk and the use of fluid cream in the manufacture of other dairy products.

Eggs - Supplies of all grades of eggs increased as a result of steady gain in production. Storage eggs are in heavy supply, too, so homemakers should feel free to use as many eggs as they like in Lenten meals. No change in prices: Grade A Large  $40\frac{1}{2}\phi$ , Mediums  $37\frac{1}{2}\phi$  and Smalls  $33\frac{1}{2}\phi$ .

Poultry - Broilers, fryers and roasters are in light supply, but there's plenty of heavier weight poultry. A rumor that ceiling prices on poultry were to be removed caused a decrease in marketings, with a price increase of  $\frac{1}{2}\phi$  on live and  $1\phi$  on dressed large size Leghorn and colored hens. Storage stocks of poultry are well above the last five-year average. A fricassee hen for Sunday dinner is a good buy now.

### MEAT

Beef - Supplies of beef were slightly larger this past week, with demand widespread enough to make it impossible for the majority of wholesale meat distributors, to fill their daily orders. The bulk of the supply was of Good and Commercial grade, since there is little Choice and Utility grade beef on the market at this time.

Lamb - With the bulk of slaughtered sheep on the market made up of spring lambs, there is a good supply. Commercial and Good grades are predominating.

Pork - Although there is a light supply of pork on the market, fairly liberal supplies are moving into retail channels.

### FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Oranges, although selling at ceiling, and grapefruit are the week's best fruit buys. Lemons continue in moderate supply selling at ceiling. There's practically no change in avocado prices and the supply is moderate. Apples and pears are still scarce. Most of the tangerines on the market are hold-overs.

If homemakers can use their ingenuity to produce a dressing for them, artichokes are a good buy. There's a good supply and the price is lower. Potatoes, including new ones, are the next best buy. Fair buys are good quality cauliflower, not too high, cabbage and spinach. Onions are scarce at ceiling prices, as well as a few Mexican tomatoes. Fairly heavy supplies of lettuce are a little lower priced, but still pretty high. Hothouse cucumbers are a luxury.

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DAIRY AND POULTRY

Butter - Not much change in the butter situation -- still scarce. Margarine is more plentiful as the result of the ending of the machinists' strike and the opening of more manufacturing plants.

Eggs - Supplies have continued to increase with top grades moving into storage in much greater volume than a year ago. Demand is good. No change in prices: Grade A Large  $40\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$ , Mediums  $37\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$  and Small  $33\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$ .

Poultry - A persistent rumor that ceiling prices on poultry were to be removed caused producers to hold back on marketing live poultry, thus cutting down volume of receipts. Distributors experienced some difficulty in filling orders under moderate demand. Opinion now is that ceiling prices will remain unchanged for sometime. There's plenty of heavy-weight fowl (hens  $3\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. or over). Farmers' Bulletin No.1888 - POULTRY COOKING - available from P&MA Information Service (see address on heading) is a valuable aid to homemakers in preparing fowl. Broilers, fryers, and roasters continue in light supply.

MEAT

Beef - On beef, daily inquiries at coolers have exceeded available supplies. Bulk of slaughter consisted of steer and heifer beef in a narrow quality range of Good and Choice grades with demand strong.

Lamb - Supplies of lamb were heavier at mid-week, resulting from increased kill of spring lambs. Demand is good for Good and Choice grades, but there's some lag in moving Commercial and Utility grades. More mutton available than last week.

Pork - With fewer head of hogs on the market this week, supplies of fresh pork are only fairly ample. Demand is good.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Filling the fruit basket is a bit difficult with most fruits scarce. Wet weather in Southern California has retarded somewhat the flow of citrus fruits to market, so that oranges, lemons and limes are a little scarce, with grapefruit in moderate supply -- all selling at ceiling. Very few pears. Apples are scarce, as well as pineapples.

Two best vegetable buys are potatoes, fairly heavy supply and old ones cheaper, and spinach, lower and in heavier supply. Fair buys are cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, including Romaine (lower priced), soft squash (lower and heavier supply). Collard greens are cheap. Imperial iced carrots are lower. Local peas are coming to market. Plenty of asparagus, but pretty high. Artichokes and broccoli are higher. Bell peppers are high. Onions and tomatoes are scarce at ceiling prices.

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